

Vickers, did you?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, we are now dealing, as a matter of procedure so I understand, we are now dealing with the Johnson amendment to the Miller amendment. Is that correct?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Pardon me?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, we are now dealing with the Johnson amendment to the Miller amendment, is that correct?

SPEAKER NICHOL: That is correct.

SENATOR VICKERS: First of all, the first thing I would like you to do is to rule as to whether or not this amendment, in total, is germane to LB 723. I'd like to ask for a germaneness ruling, first of all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Good question. Let me worry about it a minute. Senator Vickers, since it does pertain to the appropriations, I would say that it is germane. We are talking now about the amendment to the amendment. Secondly, I would think that the amendment itself would be germane, yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. President, I would raise the question or make the argument that since the authorizing legislation has not been...a statute has not passed that in order to have capital construction legislation for such a project as this the authorizing legislation should be in front of it. As a matter of fact it is not, it is behind it. It is even behind it on today's agenda. So I guess I think that it is not proper to fund capital construction projects that need to be authorized by this Legislature when the authorization is not even there in the statutes yet under a regular appropriations bill. But I will not move to overrule your order.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I appreciate that. Just let me respond. I appreciate you not challenging it at this time of the session. But since it is specifically spelling out that there will be no appropriation made, as far as that goes I don't see anything wrong with it. But proceed with your debate.